

said stent body having a stent axis extending between first and second axial ends of said stent body;

said stent body having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

said interior surface including at least a portion having a rough surface finish rougher than a surface finish of said exterior surface.

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2. A stent according to claim 1 wherein said portion includes first and second portions of said rough surface finish disposed on opposite sides of a center of said stent body.

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3. A stent according to claim 7 wherein said first and second portions extend along substantially an entire axial length of said stent body.

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4. A method for fabricating a stent for placement in a body lumen, said method comprising:

forming a stent body having an un-deployed orientation in which the stent body is sized to be placed on a deployment balloon and advanced through a body lumen to a deployment site, said stent body expandable upon inflation of said balloon to an enlarged orientation sized for said stent body in said enlarged orientation to be retained within said lumen at said site upon deflation and withdrawal of said balloon, said stent body having a stent axis extending between first and second axial ends of said stent body, said stent body having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

polishing said stent body to polish said exterior surface to a smooth surface finish and with at least a portion of said interior surface having a rough surface finish rougher than said exterior surface finish.

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6. A method according to claim 10 wherein said rough surface finish is applied at least on opposite sides of a center of said stent body.

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(New) An intraluminal stent comprising:

a stent body having an un-deployed orientation in which the stent body is sized to be placed on a deployment balloon and advanced through a body lumen to a deployment site;

said stent body expandable upon inflation of said balloon to an enlarged orientation sized for said stent body in said enlarged orientation to be retained within said lumen at said site upon deflation and withdrawal of said balloon;

said stent body having a stent axis extending between first and second axial ends of said stent body;

said stent body having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

said interior surface including at least a portion having a rough surface finish.

(New) An intraluminal stent comprising:

a stent body having an un-deployed orientation in which the stent body is sized to be advanced through a body lumen to a deployment site;

said stent body expandable to an enlarged orientation sized to be retained within said lumen at said site;

said stent body having a stent axis extending between first and second axial ends of said stent body;

said stent body having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

said interior surface including at least a portion having a rough surface finish.

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10. (New) A stent according to claim ²9, wherein said rough surface finish is rougher than a surface finish of said exterior surface.

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11. (New) A stent according to claim ²9, wherein said portion includes first and second portions of said rough surface finish disposed on opposite sides of a center of said stent body.

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12. (New) A stent according to claim ⁴11 wherein said first and second portions extend along substantially an entire axial length of said stent body.

13. (New) A method for fabricating a stent for placement in a body lumen, said method comprising:

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forming a stent body having an un-deployed orientation in which the stent body is sized to be advanced through a body lumen to a deployment site, said stent body expandable to an enlarged orientation sized to be retained within said lumen at said site, said stent body having a stent axis extending between first and second axial ends of said stent body, said stent body having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

roughening at least a portion of said interior surface such that the interior surface has a rough surface finish.

14. (New) A method according to claim 13 wherein said roughening step comprises directing a particulate stream at the interior of the stent body.

15. (New) A method according to claim 13 wherein said rough surface finish is rougher than a surface finish of said exterior surface.